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ALBERTA GAMES COUNCIL

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Letter to the Minister

Dear Minister:

It is with pleasure that I submit the annual report for the period April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981. Major accomplishments include:

Holding of the First Alberta Seniors Games - A 75th Anniversary Commission grant allowed us, in co-operation with the newly formed Alberta Seniors Citizens Sport and Recreation Association, to host the first ever Alberta Seniors Games for citizens 55 years and over. Camrose did an excellent job in hosting the Games as they too celebrated their 75th Anniversary. The volunteer support, warm host community hospitality, and the pride and joy expressed by participants made Canada's first ever seniors games an inspiration!

Decision for the 1983 Alberta Summer Games - to be the first hosted exclusively in rural Alberta with the combined effort of the County of Mountainview; Olds, Didsbury, Sundre, Cremona and Carstairs.

Coaches Congress - The 75th Anniversary Commission, Recreation and Parks, and the Alberta Games Council co-operatively organized the Coaches Congress; a very successful event involving over 400 coaches in 11 sports.

Public interest in the Alberta Games movement grew during this period (with emphasis on rural Alberta) as a result of a weekly newspaper column, TV and radio advertising and the completion of the Games film by ACCESS.

Financial support was most favourable from the Alberta Government, Western Canada Lottery and the private sector.

"Sport Outreach", the clinic and sport camp program initiated in 1979, has continued to expand and is definitely helping rural athletes develop and improve their skills.

A Cultural Advisory Committee was established as a steering committee for the provincial Games cultural movement.

The Operations Manual for host communities was completed and has been requested by numerous sport groups and other organizations Canada-wide.

In summary, for a period anticipated to be an 'off' year without a games 'event', we feel our accomplishments far exceeded expectations. It is our pleasure working with you to make Alberta a better province.

Yours sincerely,

Max G. Gibb
Managing Director

Objectives

It is the objective of the Alberta Games Council to, "...encourage the organized competitive participation of all Albertans as individuals, as families and as neighbours for fitness, the joy of effort, the pursuit of excellence and the expanding sense of community throughout the province."

More specifically, the Games Council serves to: "...motivate Albertans to achieve higher levels of physical fitness through more active participation in amateur sport; allow athletes with the interest and ability a chance to attain their maximum potential; provide competition that will serve the developmental needs for each sport throughout Alberta, by providing opportunity for competition where it is presently lacking; provide each host community with a legacy of upgraded equipment and facilities, experienced officials and volunteers; develop the cultural and social components as a complementary part of the Games in Alberta".

Board of Directors

In December of 1980, the Minister of Alberta Recreation and Parks, the Honorable Peter Trynchy, renewed the term of office for ten directors and approved six new directors to the Alberta Games Council, giving it the widest provincial representation to date.

Leadership capabilities, community involvement, professionalism, and a general interest in sports or Games objectives are requisites sought in potential board members. The new board is distinguished by the diversity of expertise of its members. Together they bring experience from the fields of business, government, law, accounting, sport, the home, schools, health and fund raising.

EXECUTIVE:

Mr. Don G. Skagen	Chairman
Mr. Thomas T. Humphrey	Vice Chairman
Mr. Kent Jespersen	Director
Mr. Philip T. Kueber	Legal Services
Mr. Giles Meikle	Accounting Services
Mr. Jack Monaghan	Government Liaison
Mr. Max Gibb	Managing Director/Secretary

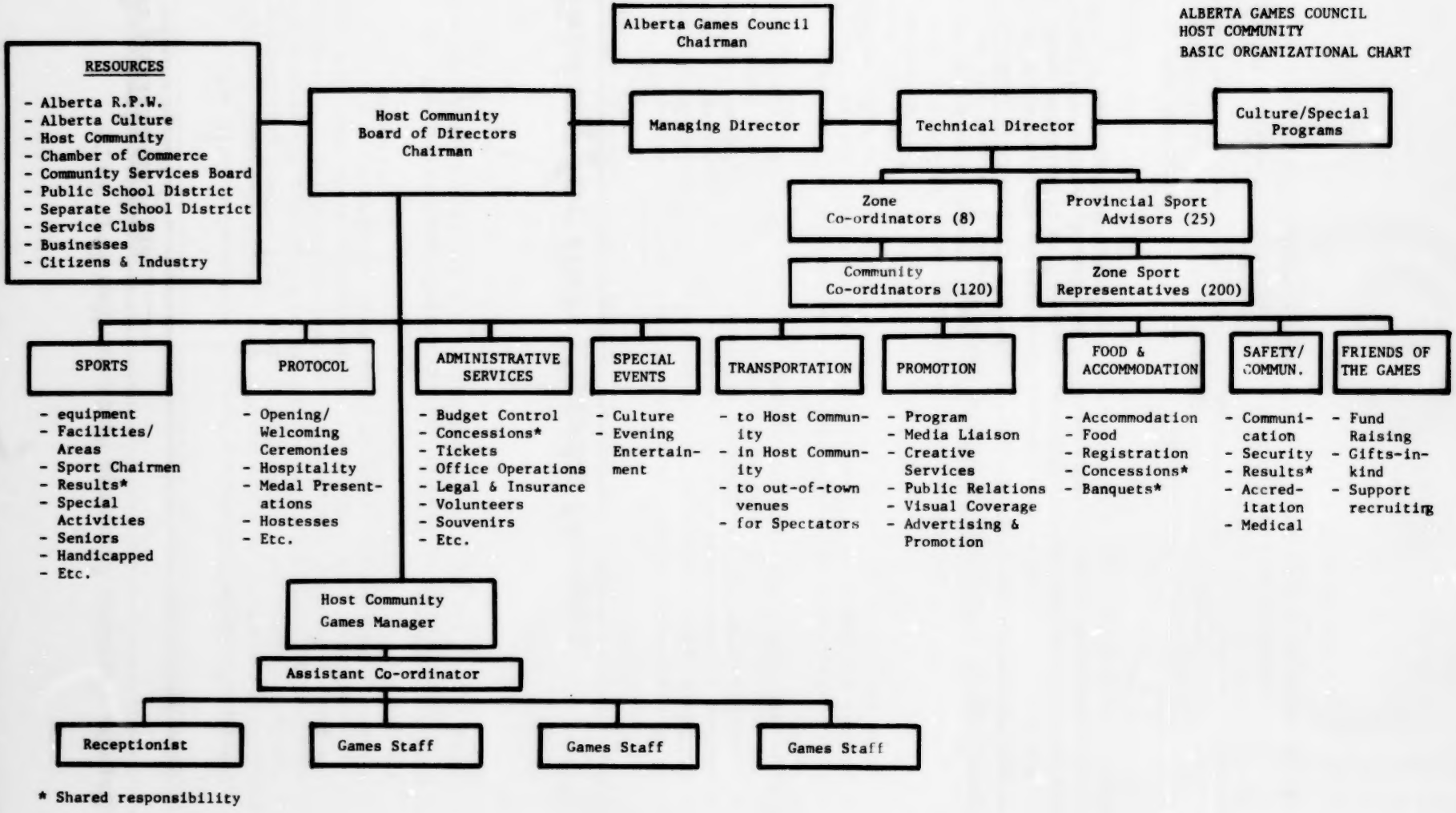
ZONE MEMBERS:

Mr. Arthur L. Batty	Lethbridge
Mr. Wilton Littlechild	Hobbema
Mrs Jean Knopp	Red Deer
Mr. Bill Gardiner	St. Albert
Mr. James E. Froggatt	Edson
Mr. Clarence G. Thomlinson	Fort Saskatchewan
Mrs Aleda M.J. McCullough	Grande Prairie
Mr. Roger A. Bernatzki	Fort McMurray

MEMBER AT LARGE:

Dr. Maury Van Vliet

Organizational Chart



* Shared responsibility

Organization

The Alberta Games Council is an administrative Board consisting of up to 15 directors with a small central staff co-ordinating activities on a provincial level. Eight Zone Co-ordinators, stationed throughout the province, are contracted to direct the community, regional and zone involvement for eliminations leading to the summer, winter, or seniors Games, and other sport development projects. The final Games event is organized by an independent local games Society, established by and in the host community.

The entire Games process depends largely on support from the thousands of volunteers who contribute their skills on all levels across the province.

Bidding for the Alberta Games

Requests for bids are sent out approximately three years in advance to allow communities to consider their own long range plans and budgets. The Games Council is available to meet with community representatives to assist them in their bid preparation. Representatives from bidding communities usually have enough advance time to attend an Alberta Games plus participate in seminars held in conjunction with Games.

A committee of four Alberta Games Council members reviews bids and tours bidding communities to consider facilities, community support and other factors that would indicate their capability in successfully hosting the Games.

In 1980/'81, six bid proposals were submitted for the hosting of the 1983 Alberta Summer Games. The community selected in March of 1981 was the County of Mountain View, including the municipalities of Olds, Didsbury, Sundre, Cremona and Carstairs. This was the first time bids were allowed from communities with less than a population of 5,000. These five municipalities have begun a unique venture in co-operation and the Alberta Games Council is particularly interested in seeing the results of such a challenge.

Alberta Games Moving Across the Province

PAST HOST COMMUNITIES:

CALGARY
1974 Summer - 2,000 participants

RED DEER
1975 Summer - 2,600
1977 Summer - 2,427

BANFF
1976 Winter - 1,521

MEDICINE HAT
1978 Winter - 1,835

ST. ALBERT
1979 Summer - 3,651

GRANDE PRAIRIE
1980 Winter - 3,094

CAMROSE
1980 Seniors - 738

FUTURE HOST COMMUNITIES:

LETHBRIDGE
1981 Summer

LLOYDMINSTER
1982 Winter

COUNTY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
1983 Summer

Successful Bidders / Future Hosts

During the 1980/81 budget year, preparations for the 1981 Summer Games and the 1982 Winter Games were well underway. Alberta Games staff met with sport and culture associations and surveyed Alberta's recreation community to determine the most appropriate technical packages for the two upcoming Games.

The Lethbridge Board of Directors had already begun meetings in April of 1980. During the year they directed a dedicated core of volunteers through the countless hours of planning necessary to create a future success.

In Lloydminster too, the board of directors had formed up for the exciting opportunity that was still over twenty months away.

Canada's First Seniors Games

Since the introduction of Seniors events in the Alberta Games in 1979, Games organizers have marvelled at the growing interest in competitive activities for seniors. It was this interest that influenced the province's decision to present the 1980 Alberta Anniversary Seniors Games as a 75th Anniversary salute to seniors. The Alberta Senior Citizens Sport and Recreation Association and the Alberta Games Council were the other two members of the trio responsible for heading this unique event that would take place in Camrose, August 21 to 23, 1980.

The Events

Nineteen activities were offered for Alberta's first Games for 'seniors' aged 55 years and over. These events were well selected in consultation with the Alberta Senior Citizens Sport & Recreation Association.

Badminton	Darts	Performing Arts
Bridge	Disking	Photography
Carpet Bowling	Golf	Shuffleboard
Checkers	Fiddling	Snooker
Cribbage	Handicrafts	Tennis
Croquet	Horseshoes	Trapshooting
	International Dessert Cookbook	

Eliminations in all eight zones were well attended. With only two exceptions, each activitiy had representation in every zone in the province when registration finally took place in Camrose.

Camrose - A Gracious Host for the 1980 Seniors Games

Camrose was a natural choice for hosting the Seniors Games as it too was celebrating its 75th anniversary in 1980. As twenty-four percent of its approximately 11,500 population was over 55 years of age, the support for the event was considerable. Another plus was the convenient Games "village" at the Camrose Lutheran College and the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute; and its central Alberta location made transportation of participants easy to organize.

The following persons formed the Board of Directors responsible for leading over 500 fellow Camrosians to organize the Games.

William FOWLER	Chairman
Ladd PARSONS	Vice-Chairman
Norm UMBACH	Vice-Chairman
Lorna HOLMES	Food & Accommodation
Don HADFIELD	Safety & Communications
Blaine ALEXANDER	Promotion
William ANDREASSON	Activities
Patricia ORR	Ceremonies & Special Events
Les FIELDING	Administration
Dennis JOHNSON	Civic Pride
Len FRANKSON	City Liaison

Fine food, lodging, transportation, well-organized competitions and many other extras were provided to 738 seniors from 126 Alberta municipalities. Add to this 246 jamboreeing square dancers and 334 entrants in Photography, Handicrafts and International Dessert Cookbook who did not travel to Camrose, and the Games involved over 1,300 participants. The age of the seniors travelling to Camrose averaged 67.8 and totalled nearly 55,000 years!

Expressions of opinion from many sources indicated the affair was a resounding success and should be continued. Because of the continued enthusiastic response from seniors it seems almost certain that subsequent Seniors Games will take place in Alberta.

Participation Figures

ZONE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1	46	46	92
2	49	38	87
3	55	47	102
4	58	47	105
5	54	44	98
6	56	43	99
7	50	34	84
8	45	26	71
TOTALS:	413	325	738

Communities Represented at First Senior Games

ALLIANCE
ARDROSSAN
BASHAW
BARRHEAD
BAWLF
BEAVERLODGE
BLACK DIAMOND
BLACKFALDS
BOTHA
BOW ISLAND
BRETON
BROOKS
BYEMOOR
CAMROSE
CALGARY
CANMORE
CARDSTON
CARVEL
CASTOR
CAYLEY
CLIVE
COALHURST
COALMAN
COOKING LAKE
CONSORT
CORONATION
DAYSLAND
DELBURNE
DEVON
DEWBERRY
DIDSBURY
DRAYTON VALLEY
DRUMHELLER
DUCHESS
DUFFIELD
EAGLESHAM
EDGERTON
EDMONTON
EDSON
ESTHER
EVANSBURG
FAIRVIEW
FALHER
FORESTBURG
FORT SASKATCHEWAN
GRAND CENTRE
GRANDE PRAIRIE
GRIMSHAW
GROUARD
GUNN
HALF MOON LAKE
HANNA
HIGH PRAIRIE
HIGH RIVER
INNISFAIL
IRMA
ISLAY
KATHRYN
KINSELLA
KITSCOTY
LAC LA BICHE
LEDUC
LESLIEVILLE
LETHBRIDGE
LLOYDMINSTER
LOUSANA
LYALTA
MAGRATH
MANNING
MANNVILLE
MARWAYNE
McLAUGHLIN
MEDICINE HAT
MOUNTAIN VIEW
MUNSON
NEW NORWAY
NEW SEREPTA
OKOTOKS
OLDS
OYEN
PEACE RIVER
PICTURE BUTTE
PINCHER CREEK
PONOKA
RAYMOND
RED DEER
RIMBEY
ROCHFORT BRIDGE
ROCKY MTN. HOUSE
ROSEMARY
RYCROFT
ST. ALBERT
ST. PAUL
SANGUDO
SCANDIA
SEBA BEACH
SEDGEWICK
SEXSMITH
SHERWOOD PARK
SPIRIT RIVER
SPRUCE GROVE
STETTLER
STONY PLAIN
SUNDRE
SYLVAN LAKE
THREE HILLS
TOFIELD
TOMAHAWK
TROCHU
TURNER VALLEY
TWO HILLS
VALLEYVIEW
VAUXHALL
VERMILION
VETERAN
VIKING
VILLA BEAUSEJOUR
VULCAN
WABAMUN
WAINWRIGHT
WANHAM
WARBURG
WHITECOURT
WINTERBURN

The 75th Annual Coaches Congress

The Alberta Games Council co-sponsored a second 75th Anniversary Commission project, this time with the Department of Recreation and Parks. The Congress was held on November 28, 29 and 30th in Edmonton. Four hundred and twenty-five coaches participated in the eleven sports covered under the theme "Coaching in the Eighties". For both the veteran and beginner coach, the major topics included: The mental preparation of athletes for competition; The importance of positive communication between coaches and athletes. Practical sessions emphasising current innovations in the science and art of coaching were a second important part of the Congress.

The Alberta Games Council was responsible for administrative items such as publicity and took over total accounting of the $100,000 project grant.

Accomplishments

Volunteerism

Volunteerism continues to be the major force behind the Games movement. Alberta municipalities, media, service clubs, school boards, schools, recreation and sport associations, and, of course, private citizens, contribute thousands of man-hours to the growth of amateur sport and the Alberta Games.

The Cultural Advisory Committee

The Cultural Advisory Committee began to function in May of 1980. This standing committee of up to ten members includes representatives from a variety of artistic and related disciplines, government, host games culture directors and the Alberta Games Council. The role of the committee is to propose policy, budget, programmes and operating procedures for the cultural component of the Alberta Games.

Operations Manual

To better assist Host Communities in their planning, Alberta Games staff developed a comprehensive "Operations Manual". Numerous staff interviewed past Games directors and referred to minutes, documents and final reports to summarize information that will provide guidelines for organizing Games. The 160 page manual is actually a legacy from past Games volunteers to new Games societies and it is intended to be constantly updated.

Intersport

Through staff, the Alberta Games Council has contributed leadership in the planning and staging of the annual conferences sponsored by Alberta Recreation and Parks. As a result of Intersport IV, an Adhoc committee was established to further investigate a plan for improved sport co-ordination in the province. The Alberta Games Council contributed ten percent of the funds necessary to support the work of this Adhoc Committee. Intersport V followed the release of this committee's report and the Alberta Games Council again participated in the conference planning.

Zone Councils

Zone Councils have been approved on a trial basis to give support and direction to the zone co-ordinators responsible to promote and organize Games activities in the eight zones. With zone councils the citizens in the zone can take a more active part in tailor making the Games programmes to fit their particular needs. The concept was actually generated by committed volunteers and indicates to the Council that the Games do have an important role in sport development.

Sport Outreach

The Sport Outreach summer clinic program initiated in this report period was to reach over 3,500 athletes in eight sports in 59 communities. The program offered by Alberta Games and the sport governing bodies was designed to help close the gap in athlete development opportunities between rural and urban areas. In order to achieve our major goal of providing qualified instruction where it would not normally be available, communities expressing interest and need would be evaluated with preference given to rural communities whose schools, recreation department and volunteers co-operatively requested and developed the clinic. Young Alberta athletes would then be hired to hold the clinic in co-operation with the community volunteers.

The response from athletes, coaches, recreation personnel and parents is overwhelmingly positive.

ALBERTA GAMES COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1981

Auditor's Report

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ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Alberta Games Council

I have examined the balance sheet of the Alberta Games Council as at March 31, 1981 and the statement of revenue, expenditure and surplus for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

Due to the nature of the sources of funds, verification was restricted to an examination of recorded revenue.

In my opinion, except for the effect of any adjustments which might have been required had I been able to verify the completeness of revenue, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Council as at March 31, 1981 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

D. W. Rogers

C.A.
Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
July 28, 1981

Statement A

ALBERTA GAMES COUNCIL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1981

	1981	1980
ASSETS		
Cash	$ 2,119	$ 36,185
Short-term deposits	493,730	173,920
Accrued interest	5,244	3,797
Accounts receivable	-	14,922
	$501,093	$228,824
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Bank indebtedness	$ 5,633	$ -
Accounts payable	28,987	56,165
	34,620	56,165
Surplus, Statement B	466,473	172,659
	$501,093	$228,824

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

ALBERTA GAMES COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1981

	Games		Culture		Administration		Total	
	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980	1981	1980
REVENUE								
Western Canada Lottery Alberta Division	$477,825	$ -	$100,000	$100,000	$ -	$287,500	$ 577,825	$387,500
Province of Alberta grants (Note 2)	200,000	300,000	-	-	142,952	121,331	342,952	421,331
75th Anniversary Commission	93,974	-	-	-	-	-	93,974	-
Coaches Congress (Note 2)	84,327	-	-	-	-	-	84,327	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	51,401	28,538	51,401	28,538
Special projects	9,125	14,000	13,829	7,750	-	-	22,954	21,750
Donations	-	49,969	-	-	11,635	52,895	11,635	102,864
	865,251	363,969	113,829	107,750	205,988	490,264	1,185,068	961,983
EXPENDITURE								
Host games expenses	279,280	404,751	50,000	50,125	-	-	329,280	454,876
Seniors' games	112,269	260	-	-	-	-	112,269	260
Zone development	86,315	65,066	-	-	-	-	86,315	65,066
Coaches Congress	84,327	-	-	-	-	-	84,327	-
Salaries and employee benefits	69,685	13,606	36,716	35,989	63,103	98,101	169,504	147,696
Travel	12,972	3,293	8,671	13,131	17,924	38,691	39,567	55,115
Special projects	1,132	23,606	17,113	17,672	-	-	18,245	41,278
Promotion	-	-	3,814	4,155	11,441	12,466	15,255	16,621
Zone sport fund	9,788	3,012	-	-	-	-	9,788	3,012
Equipment, rental and maintenance	-	-	1,893	2,525	5,681	7,576	7,574	10,101
Cultural expense	-	-	7,362	13,298	-	-	7,362	13,298
Office supplies	-	-	1,558	2,457	4,675	7,370	6,233	9,827
Telephone	-	-	509	1,722	1,527	5,164	2,036	6,886
Postage	-	-	442	1,615	1,328	4,843	1,770	6,458
Regional games	247	130	-	-	-	-	247	130
Accommodation (Note 4)	-	-	-	1,203	-	3,607	-	4,810
Miscellaneous	-	-	370	2,215	1,112	6,643	1,482	8,858
	656,015	513,724	128,448	146,107	106,791	184,461	891,254	844,292
Excess of revenue over expenditure	$209,236	$(149,755)	$(14,619)	$(38,357)	$ 99,197	$305,803	293,814	117,691
Surplus at beginning of year							172,659	54,968
Surplus at end of year							$ 466,473	$172,659

ALBERTA GAMES COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1981

Note 1 Authority

The Alberta Games Council operates under the authority of The Alberta Games Council Act, Chapter 3, Statutes of Alberta 1978.

Note 2 Province of Alberta Grants

The Council received $427,277 from the Department of Recreation and Parks. This included $84,327 for the Coaches Congress as part of the 75th Anniversary program.

Note 3 Statement of Changes in Financial Position

A statement of changes in financial position is not provided as disclosure in the financial statements is considered to be adequate.

Note 4 Accommodation

Accommodation and related overhead costs at the present location of the Council are provided at no cost by the Province of Alberta and accordingly are not reflected in the financial statements.

Note 5 Comparative Figures

The 1980 figures have been restated where necessary to conform to 1981 presentation.

Note 6 Management Approval

These financial statements were approved by management on July 28, 1981.